

Bats are indeed scary, night-flying, house-invading, sometimes rabid, and generally Halloween-y little critters. They're also bug-eating, very beneficial, and some are almost cute.

To learn more about bats, see these sites:

Introduction to Bats (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/bats/bats.htm>

Bats and Rabies (Centers for Disease Control)

<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats.html>

Test Your Batting Average (National Park Service)

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/wica/Bats.htm>

Bat Facts (Encyclopedia Smithsonian)

http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia_SI/nmnh/batfacts.htm

The Adventures of Echo the Bat (NASA)

<http://science.hq.nasa.gov/kids/imagers/echohome.html>

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

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